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SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

REF: A. STATE 035348

B. USNATO 0978

C. USNATO 0750

1. AT FEBRUARY 25 POLADS ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) STATED HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARES US, UK AND FRENCH VIEWS ON HANDLING V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS (REF C). HE ADDED THAT ITALY WILL FOLLOW USUAL PROCEDURES IN OBSERVING THIS ANNIVERSARY, AND FURTHER REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES AGREE WITH BELGIAN SUGGESTION FOR LOCAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG NATO EMBASSIES RE OBSERVANCE OF V-E DAY.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) SAID HIS GOVERNMENTS POSITION WAS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAME AS ITALYS. UK REP (NARGETSON) REPORTED HMG AGREES TO LOCAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. UK REP ADDED THAT V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED

BRIEFLY DURING PRIME MINISTER WILSONS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW. BREZHNEV SUGGESTED TO WILSON AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY BRITISH AND SOVIET WAR VETERANS, BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. WILSON COMMENTED TO BREZHNEV THAT BRITISH ARE LESS GIVEN TO CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THAN ARE SOVIETS.

4. US REP (LEDOGAR) SAID US WOULD WELCOME FURTHER ALLIED VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON SOVIET AND EE PLANS FOR V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS THROUGH LOW-KEY LOCAL CONSULTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE. HE ADDED IT IS US EXPECTATION THAT MAJOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON V-E DAY AMONG ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE IN NATO POLADS AND IN BONN GROUP.
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